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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the Research and Development (R&D) programmes of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL);
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof indicating the projects that got delayed alongwith the time since then they are pending and the cost overruns;
- (c) whether a number of such projects have become infructuous in view of the investment made therein;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken decision to focus and invest only in result oriented Research and Development activities and to complete them in time-bound programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has recently reviewed Advanced Light Helicopter – WSI, Light Combat Helicopter and Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) Projects. There are no cost overruns in respect of these Projects.

There is a delay of about a year in Design & Development of the Engine of IJT programme which is under close monitoring.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) In respect of Design & Development programmes of HAL like ALH, ALH-WSI, IJT & LCH, these are result oriented and time bound.